

Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year 1897.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Seaton Urban District Council---

Gentlemen

I beg to submit to you my
report for the year 1897---

There have been 28 births & 26 deaths
Two of the deaths should not be reckoned
in calculating the death-rate, which
therefore stands at 18.4 per thousand of
the resident population--

This is above the average, but it must
be noted that no less than 17 of the
deaths were over sixty-five years of age,
of the others three were infants, and
none of them were in any way referable
to insanitary conditions---

There are no deaths from any of the
zymotic diseases--

I have only received two notifications of
infectious disease, both of Scarlet Fever.
They occurred in the same house, the
infection being conveyed from one to the
other before the first case was seen by a
medical man; as soon as practicable
strict isolation was enforced, and sub-
sequently the rooms occupied, thoroughly
disinfected, whilst the bedding &c was
sent to the Exeter Sanatorium and passed
through the Disinfector there. There was
no further case in the District--

The Septic tank at "Seaton Hole" seems to have answered satisfactorily. Recently, however, the inlet was found to be partially blocked with sand. Steps should be taken to intercept this at the different road gratings.

I have been frequently asked as to the desirability of having the Town water analysed. I do not see any necessity for it as there is no reason to suppose it is otherwise than pure.

We have had no death, and as far as I know, no case of illness, for some years past, which could arouse suspicion as to the wholesomeness of the water.

The supply too is abundant -- I find that the quantity consumed during the past year is equal to a daily supply of 31 gallons per head of the population -- a most liberal allowance --

I append the tables A and B, copies of which, together with a copy of this Report, have been duly sent to the Local Government Board and to the Devon County Council

I am Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servant

H A Pattinson

Seaton 3rd February
1898

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